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Discussion with Secretary of Navy Regarding  
Joint Intelligence

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1. Memorandum from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (Tab A) requires G-2 to submit a memorandum to aid the Secretary of War in discussing joint intelligence matters with the Secretary of the Navy.

2. In view of General Marshall's suggestion to Admiral King that all Army and Navy intelligence activities be combined, G-2's recommendation to the Secretary of War should be directed toward the same end. At the same time, G-2's recommendation should be consistent with these controlling factors:

a. The President's letter of 20 September, charging the Secretary of State with taking the lead in developing a coordinated foreign intelligence program.

b. JCS recommendations on interdepartmental intelligence coordination previously submitted to the Secretaries of War and the Navy.

3. A memorandum consistent with the above principles is inclosed for your signature. The deadline for it to reach the Deputy Chief of Staff is not later than noon, Tuesday, 23 October.

4. Action Recommended:

a. That the inclosed memorandum for the Secretary of War be signed and dispatched.

b. That the inclosed Summary Sheet to the Deputy Chief of Staff be signed and dispatched.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Bissell wants G-2 and CNI  
work on "Details"

SUBJECT: Discussion with Secretary of Navy Regarding Joint Intelligence

1. Reference paragraph 2 (joint intelligence) of the memorandum of 13 October from the Secretary of Navy, the important factors are:

a. By letter of 20 September, the President asked the Secretary of State to take the lead in developing a comprehensive and coordinated foreign intelligence program. The letter shows that the President wants a procedure which will meet the needs of individual agencies and at the same time serve the Government as a whole.

b. At the time the President sent the letter, a study by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the same subject was being considered by the Secretaries of War and the Navy. In substance, this study proposed a national intelligence organization under supervision of the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy. This JCS recommendation was forwarded to the Secretary of State by the Secretaries of War and the Navy under a letter which included the statement, "It is assumed that you will transmit these recommendations to the President for his information." (See JCS 1181/7). Until the State Department has acted on the President's instructions, it would be inappropriate for the War and Navy Departments to approach the President directly with the JCS recommendations.

c. General Marshall recently wrote to Admiral King, suggesting that all Army and Navy intelligence activities be combined.

d. The War Department has organized an Intelligence Planning Group under AG of S, G-2. Its members have made a continuing study of intelligence organization, including the subject of interdepartmental intelligence coordination. They have frequently collaborated informally with naval officers in similar studies under the Director of Naval Intelligence.

2. a. The outcome of current efforts to merge the armed forces is predictable. Regardless of the outcome, interdepartmental intelligence coordination must be provided in accordance with the President's directive. A necessary first step should be preliminary joint study by the War and Navy Departments, with a view to determining methods of combination of

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military and naval intelligence activities.

b. The details of these studies should be worked out by the heads of military and naval intelligence, under joint authority of the Secretaries of War and the Navy. The planners who work out these details should also prepare the details for later coordination with the State Department pursuant to the President's letter of 20 September. Any interim procedures developed for a combination of military and naval intelligence activities will facilitate the ultimate establishment of joint procedures involving the State Department.

3. It is recommended that the Secretary of War propose to the Secretary of Navy that the heads of military and naval intelligence be authorized to work out plans for combining military and naval intelligence activity, preparatory to subsequent collaboration with the State Department.

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